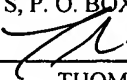




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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Paper is responsive to the Office Communication dated June 10, 2003 (Paper No. 7) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Paper.

This Paper is believed timely. Should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 04-0480.¹

¹ If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension.